

# Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The first settlers of Seneca community, arriving in 1884, were Captain Caleb Ellis, Adam Sangstors, and William Lowers in Township 13, Henry and Adolph Reinecke two miles west of the present side of Seneca, Abraham Griffee settling in Elroy Township, and Alexander Thompson in Seneca Township; and,

WHEREAS, In the summer of 1886, the final railroad survey came to Seneca, leaving Ellisville out in the cold and leading to Seneca's promotion to railroad station status in October of 1886; and,

WHEREAS, The town of Seneca, South Dakota, named after Seneca Falls, New York, was officially established in 1887 when the Chicago Northwestern Railroad was built. The bustling young town was incorporated in 1904; and,

WHEREAS, The first schoolhouse was moved from Ellisville to Seneca in December of 1887; Mae Rice, Ray Kellett, and McCoy were early teachers; and,

WHEREAS, When Captain Ellis authored History of Faulk County in 1909, he said that Seneca boasted 225 inhabitants, 24 business places, two churches, and one first-class grade school; and,

WHEREAS, The Old Settlers' Picnic Association was organized in 1895, and the picnics were held to bring together the pioneers who suffered privations, endured hardships, and braved dangers and storms in a new country; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper for the Governor to call the attention of South Dakotans to the proud community of Seneca as it celebrates its one-hundredth birthday:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 22, 23, and 24, 1984, as

## SENECA CENTENNIAL DAYS

In South Dakota, and I personally salute the people of that community as they meet to honor the pioneers of the Seneca area by remembering the old times, exchanging stories, and reminiscing of the hardships and the joys of by-gone days.



ATTEST:

*Alce Lunder*  
ALCE LUNDER, SECRETARY OF STATE

I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, do hereby certify that the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this fourth Day of May, in the Year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-four.

*William J. Janklow*  
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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